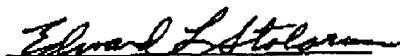


Remarks/Arguments:

The Examiner's indication that the Amendment submitted on December 15, 2006 in the above-identified application is Non-Compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 due to applicant's failure to provide the proper status identifier for Claim 35 has been noted. A new set of Claims is submitted herein which includes the required status identifier for Claim 35, to thereby comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested since none of the prior art discloses the present invention.

For the reasons submitted in the Amendment filed on 15 December 2006, Claims 25-44 herein are believed allowable over the prior art of record and an early notice to such effect is solicited.

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